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SUBJ: MTN: AGRICULTUR WORK PROGRAM

REFS: A) MTN GENEVA 7401; B) MTN GENEVA 7431; C) MTN
GENEVA 7390; D) MTN GENEVA 7433

1. IN PARA 5 REFTTEL A, MTN DEL REQUESTED WASHINGTON
COMMENTS ON TEXT COVERING POSSIBLE GROUP AGRICULTURE WORK
PROGRAM RELATING TO STANDARDS, TARIFFS, AND "OTHER PRODUCTS"
(I.E. PRODUCTS OTHER THAN MEAT, DAIRY, AND GRAINS). TEXT
IS IN PARA 6 REFTTEL A AS AMENDED BY REFTTEL B. PARA 2
OF REFTTELS C AND D (AS WELL AS PARA 5 REFTTEL A) NOTED
THAT THE TEXT IN QUESTION DOES NOT RPT NOT COVER QR'S
AFFECTING MEAT, DAIRY, AND GRAINS BECAUSE U.S.-EC
DIFFERENCES ON THIS ASPECT OF U.S. PROPOSAL APPEARED TO
BE SO GREAT THAT SECRETARIAT WAS UNABLE TO SUBMIT A
DRAFT TEXT ON THIS ASPECT OF GROUP AGRICULTURE WORK
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PROGRAM.

2. SECRETARIAT (PATTERSON) HAS INQUIRED WHETHER U.S. MTN DEL WILLINGNESS SEPT 26 TO ENGAGE IN BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH EC ON TEXT WHICH DID NOT COVER QR'S O MEAT, DAIRY, AND GRAINS MEANS U.S. WOULD BE WILLING TO LEAVE THIS PROBLEM ASIDE FOR TIME BEING, I.E. WOULD WE BE WILLING TO TRY THIS WEEK TO RESOLVE OTHER DIFFERENCES WITH EC ON GROUP AGRICULTURE WORK PROGRAM AND SEEK PLENARY ENDORSEMENT OF IT OCT 3. WE SAID NO, NOTING THAT WE HAD AGAIN URGED ENDORSEMENT OF U.S. QR PROPOSAL AT PLENARY SEPT 26 AND HAD INDICATED OUR WILLINGNESS TO AGREE THAT BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON QR'S AFFECTING MEAT, DAIRY, AND GRAINS COULD BE CONDUCTED UNDER AEGIS OF RESPECTIVE GROUP AGRICULTURE SUBGROUPS, AN OFFER WE HOPED WOULD PROVIDE WAY TO RESOLVE QR ISSUE. PATTERSON SUBSEQUENTLY CHECKED WITH EC (LUYTEN) AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER KEY DELEGATIONS AND REPORTS THERE IS NOW GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT A PARTIAL AGREEMENT THAT WOULD LEAVE QR'S IN LIMBO IS NOT RPT NOT REASIBLE.

3. LUYTEN TOLD AMBASSADOR THIS MRNING H HAS ADVISED PATTERSON EC BELIEVES PLENARY CAN BE HELD OCT 3 AS PLANND. LUYTEN EXPCTS TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM BRUSSELS WED A.M. OCT 1 FOR BILATERAL U.S.-EC MEETING LATER THAT DAY AND, IF NECESSARY, OCT 2 TO TRY TO RESOLVE ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES ON GROUP AGRICULTURE WORK PROGRAM.

4. U.S. MTN DEL HAS DRAFTED FOLLOWING TEXT TO COVER U.S. DESIDERATA ON QR PROCEDURE. WE HAVE PASSED IT INFORMALLY TO PATTERSON FOR HIM TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IF U.S. AND EC

IS REQUEST HIM TO TRY HIS HAND AT DRAFTING.

BEGIN TEXT: QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS. THE GROUP AGREED THAT BILATERAL AND PLURILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS MAY BE CARRIED OUT BY THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH SO DESIRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF GROUP AGRICULTURE (AND OF THE SUBGROUPS ON GRAINS, MEAT OR DAIRY PRODUCTS FOR PRODUCTS FALLING WITHIN THE MANDATE OF THOSE SUBGROUPS) WITH THE GROUP AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ITS SUBGROUPS ADOPTING THE PROCEDURES FOR SUCH CONSULTATION ESTABLISHED IN THE SUBGROUP ON QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS EXCEPT THAT THE RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATIONS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, WHEREVER CONDUCTED, WILL BE REPORTED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO GROUP AGRICULTURE, TO THE SUBGROUPS ON GRAINS, MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCTS FOR PRODUCTS FALLING WITHIN TH MANDATE OF THOSE SUBGROUPS AND TO THE QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS SUBGROUP. IF THE QUANTITATIVE

RESTRICTIONS SUBGROUP UNDERTAKES CONSIDERATION OF A MULTI-LATERAL SOLUTION TO HANDLE QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS, GROUP AGRICULTURE AND THE APPROPRIATE SUBGROUPS GRAINS, MEAT OR DAIRY PRODUCTS WILL TREAT ITS AGRICULTURAL ASPECTS AND MAKE TIMELY COMMUNICATION OF THE RESULTS OF THIS WORK TO THE QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS SUBGROUP.

END TEXT.

5. WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON PARA 6 REFTEL A (AS AMENDED BY REFTEL B) NEEDED SOONEST AS WELL AS ANY COMMENTS ON TEXT PARA 4 ABOVE. INSTRUCTIONS WILL HAVE TO GIVE US SOME DISCRETION ABOUT PRECISE FORMULATION OF WORDING SO LONG AS SUBSTANCE OF U.S. POSITION ON KEY POINTS IS PROTECTED.

6. IF AGREEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED WITH EC (AND IN PLENARY) ON QR TEXT AND IT REMAINS THE ONLY OUTSTANDING ISSUE, MTN DEL INTENDS TO WITHHOLD U.S. AGREEMENT TO OTHER PARTS OF PROPOSED AGRICULTURE WORK PROGRAM. IF QR ISSUE REMAINS UNRESOLVED ON OCT. 6 WHEN MEAT SUBGROUP CONVENES, RECOMMEND U.S. PROPOSE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON MEAT QR'S BE ADOPTED BY MEAT SUBGROUP AS AN AGREED OPERATING PROCEDURE. WALKER

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